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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Pramod K. Srivastava

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For: ALPHA (2) MACROGLOBULIN AS A HEAT SHOCK PROTEIN RECEPTOR AND USES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

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In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002 (since March 27, 2002 fell on a Saturday, the response is timely filed), and pursuant to Rules 115 and 142 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks below. Applicant submits concurrently herewith: (1) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet; (2) Exhibit A: a marked-up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein; and (3) Exhibit B: the claims that will pending upon entry of the amendment made herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1-74, and 76-96 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 75 to read as follows:

75. (amended) A method for treating or preventing a disease or disorder comprising administering to a mammal a purified compound, other than lactoferrin, tissue-type plasminogen activator, heat shock protein, a fusion protein comprising a heat shock